(b) if so, how many officials are going to be retrenched;

(c) how much amount Government would be able to save with this;and

(d) whether Government are facing some resentment from the affected employees?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Expenditure Reforms Commission headed by Shri K.P. Geethakrishnan, has made recommendations about re-organisation of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and its Media Units. The matter has been discussed with the Heads of Media Units and also by the Consultative Committee of MPs attached to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The need for revamping of Media Units and their reorientation has emerged during the consultations. Committees have been constituted to review some of the Media Units of the Ministry.

Functioning of Rajasthan and J and K Doordarshan Kendras

2425. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of low power Doordarshan Kendras in Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir not functioning satisfactorily, at present;

(b) the details of existing ragns and capacity of these Dorrdarshan Kendras;

(c) whether Government propose to increas the coverage of these Doordarshan Kendras;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SHRIMATI SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that all the Low Power TV Transmitters in

Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir are reported to be functioning satisfactorily. These Low Power Transmitters are of 100/300 watt, and have coverage rage of about 15/25 Kms. (including coverage in fringe areas).

(c) to (e) For further expansion of TV coverage, 13 transmitter projects in Rajasthan [High Power Transmiters-2, Low Power Transmitters-10, Very Low Power Transmitters—1], and 73 transmitter projects in Jammu & Kashmir [High Power Transmitter—11, Low Power Transmitters—13, Very Low Power Transmitters—49] are presently under implemementation. This includes upgradation to High Power Transmitters, of the Low/Very Low Power Transmitters, at the following locations.

Ajmer (Rajasthan), Naushera, Tithwal, Samba, Kupwara and Gurez (all J&K).

Court cases regarding irregularities committed by Prasar Bharati

†2426. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases regarding various kinds of irregularities committed by Prasar Bharati have been filed in the High Courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the cases alongwith the names of courts where these cases have been filed during 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(c) the details of charges leveled against Prasar Bharati in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.